BAY BRIDGE DESIGN TASK FORCE Engineering and Design Advisory Panel Monday, June 16, 1997 1:00 p.m. Port of Oakland Board Room 530 Water Street, Oakland

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introductions -- Chair Joseph Nicoletti and Vice Chair John Kriken
- 2. Approval of draft meeting record for June 2 meeting*
- 3. Presentation on additional information requested by EDAP -- Denis Mulligan, Caltrans
- 4. Suggested future role and continuing process for EDAP -- Bill Hein, MTC*
- 5. Approval of engineering and design recommendations and continuing process by EDAP
- 6. Other business/public comment

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Memorandum

TO: Engineering and Design Advisory Panel (EDAP)

DATE: June 9, 1997

FR: Deputy Executive Director

RE: Future Role and Process for EDAP

The Legislature and the Governor requested the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to adopt recommendations regarding the design and scope for the replacement of the east span of the Bay Bridge. Further, Caltrans set a very ambitious schedule so as not to delay the replacement of this critical transportation link. MTC, in turn, created The Bridge Design Task Force (comprised of Commissioners) and EDAP (comprised primarily of existing Caltrans and BCDC advisory groups) to assist the Commission in developing its recommendations. The Commission looks to this committee, EDAP, to reconcile design and engineering considerations so that the residents of the Bay Area can be assured that they will have a world class bridge. Through your meetings, workshop and deliberations you have demonstrated that you take this charge seriously.

You have already made a number of important recommendations and these are recorded in the approved minutes which are before you. Today you will be deliberating on further recommendations. While we are hopeful that you can reach conclusions with regard to bridge type and alignment, we only want you to make recommendations that you are confident in and which are supported by adequate information. As we are writing this memo, we have not had an opportunity to review any of the information which you requested at your last meeting.

The bridge type and alignment are the two major, interrelated, factors affecting the design, performance and cost of the bridge. Most of you have expressed a desire for a cable supported, signature span over the channel adjacent to YBI. Your recommendations so far do not differentiate between a cable stay, self-anchored suspension or combination of these types for this span. It appears, based on information so far, that not all bridge types will work or be appropriate for both a northern and a southern alignment. The information, both engineering and visual, which will be presented today may allow you to narrow the alternatives.

Irrespective of how far you are able to narrow the concepts, there are many engineering and design details which can not be determined without additional engineering. These details — such as the shape of the tower(s) or the design of the piers — are critical to the overall function and appearance of the structure. In a separate report at the last

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meeting, some of you recommended that there be no more constraints on design detail until there is more engineering. This strongly suggests that MTC and this committee should continue to provide continuous design oversight.

Therefore, we recommend that:

- EDAP forward to the Bay Bridge Task Force the recommendations made so far, including bridge type and alignment if sufficient information is available and consensus can be reached.
- Caltrans proceed into preliminary engineering based on the concepts resulting from the current review of EDAP and the Commission.
- Assuming the recommended concept includes a cable supported span, Caltrans should undertake additional design of a viaduct crossing so that an independent assessment of its cost can be made for the Commission and the Legislature.
- EDAP and Bay Bridge Design Task Force should remain in place throughout the preliminary engineering phase to provide continuous review of design and engineering details.

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